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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO GOB ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. REFTEL A REQUESTS ADDRESSEES TO ASSURE THAT THE HOST GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF THE GREAT INTEREST IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY AS NOTED BY THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1974, WHICH WERE TRANSMITTED BY REFTEL B.

2. THE CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES REMAINS AS DESCRIBED AT JANUARY CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFFS. THE DEPARTMENT IS
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CONTINUING TO RECEIVE A STEADY FLOW OF INQUIRIES ON THE

GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN BRAZIL AS WELL AS ON SPECIFIC CASES OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS THERE. FOR EXAMPLE, CONGRESSMAN FRASER HAS JUST ASKED WHETHER THE EMBASSY MIGHT MAKE INQUIRIES AND EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT THE WELL-BEING OF ANA ROSA KUCINSKI SILVA AND HER HUSBAND. INQUIRIES OF THIS SORT ARE OF COURSE COMPLICATED BY TWO FACTORS: FIRST MINISTER FALCAO'S ASSERTION THAT WILSON SILVA'S WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN AND HIS WIFE HAS NO RECORD AND IS UNKNOWN TO THE AUTHORITIES AND SECOND: THE FACT THAT ACCORDING TO OUR FILES WE HAVE NEVER MADE DIRECT OFFICIAL INQUIRIES IN BRAZIL REGARDING ANYONE WHO DOES NOT HAVE A POSSIBLE CLAIM TO U.S. CITIZENSHIP. (OF COURSE, IN OTHER COUNTRIES WE HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT THE WELFARE OF NON-U.S. CITIZENS.) WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON FRASER'S REQUEST. EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH FRASER BEING POUCHED.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 1, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU PERSONALLY TO ALERT SILVEIRA TO THE ATMOSPHERE ON HUMAN RIGHTS HERE IN GENERAL AND IN THE CONGRESS IN PARTICULAR. YOU COULD CITE CASES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST SUCH AS PAULO STUART WRIGHT AND ANA ROSE KUCINSKI AND HER HUSBAND. WE LEAVE ENTIRELY TO YOUR DISCRETION THE TIMING AND STYLE OF YOUR APPROACH. KISSINGER

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